(a) whether the session of Indian History Congress was held in New Delhi during the last month;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred thereon by Government;

(c) the purpose and utility of this session;

(d) whether Government's attention has been invited in this connection to the news item captioned "District marks end of History Congress" which appeared in the Statesman, New Delhi dated 24th February, 1992; and

(e) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by Indian History Congress, the Congress held its 52nd session in Delhi from 21-23rd February, 1992. Government had sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3 lakhs to enable Indian History Congress to hold this Conference. In addition, Indian Council of Historical Research has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 30,000 for holding the Conference and University Grants Commision has also agreed, in principle to provide a grant of Rs. 10,000.

(d) and (e) Government is aware of newspaper reports on the proceedings of the Congress. However, Indian History Congress is a voluntary organisation of historians which manage their own affairs.

Reservation for backward or hill areas students

2565. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details and names of the States where seats are reserved for the students from backward or hill areas for technical, vocational and higher education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Presently, no seats have been reserved for the students from backward or hill areas for technical, vocational and higher education by this Ministry.

Central schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh

2566. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Central Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open such new Vidyalayas in the State; and

(c) the number of schools being run by private organizations in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Seven Kendriya Vidyalayas and five Navodaya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned so far in the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) It is proposed to open two Navodaya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh during 1992-93 depending upon the suitability of the proposals received from the State Government, availability of physical facilities and financial resources. There is no mature proposal, at present, for opening Kendriya Vidyalayas in Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.